Bar Hill News

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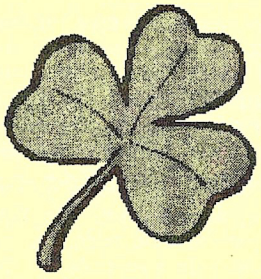
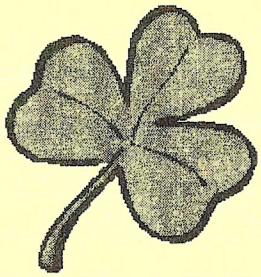
Bar Hill Village Fete



The theme for 2004 is the Emerald Isle and will feature :-

- **Irish music**
- **Irish dances**
- **Irish humour**

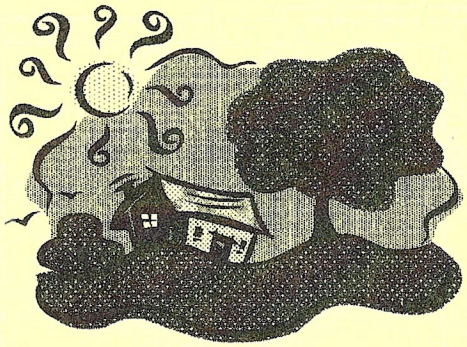
plus all the usual attractions, including a dog show and a tug-of-war, that mean fun for young and old alike.



- **Venue – the village green.**
- **Date – 26 June 2004**
- **Start-time – 2:00 p.m.**

Don't miss it!

LITTER BUSTING DAY
SATURDAY 3RD APRIL 2004



Help keep our village tidy

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Copy date for the next issue is 15th March to Martin Avery at bhneditor@yahoo.com or see page 2 for other contact details

Bar Hill Residents' Association

04/05 Committee

Chairman	Mr R Hall	780304	11 Almond Grove
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The Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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BHN Contributions

What ? (see insert)	Cost ? (per month)	Who, where, how ? (see above)	When ? (in month)
Commercial '¼ page' Ads.	£12	Adverts Co-ordinator	1st of previous
Commercial 'Maxi' Ads.	£5	Editor	15th
Commercial 'Mini' Ads.	£2.50	Editor	15th
Articles, 'What's On', 'For Sale', 'Lost & Found'	free	Editor	15th

All items are included at the editor's discresion and are dependant on space being available

The '¼ page' adverts are for local businesses and we guarantee that they are always printed. This often results in a 'waiting list'. To overcome this we provide 'mini' and 'maxi' adverts that we use as 'fillers' for the text pages and do not guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions on the number of pages we can produce. Any item can be submitted electronically via Microsoft Office files on disc or over the net via **bhneditor@yahoo.com**.

Anonymous letters cannot be published, but names and address may be withheld at the Editor's discretion.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954)

HEALTH CENTRE

TELEPHONE 780442

HEALTH VISITORS - 781855

Dr Hassan, Dr Ranasinghe and the Practice Nurse

Surgery hours are Mon-Fri 8.30-12.00am & 2.00 -6.00pm

	Day of week	AM	Day of week	PM
Physiotherapist	Monday	8.40 onwards	Tuesday	3.00 onwards
Midwife			Monday	2.00 onwards
Child Health Clinic			1st and 3rd Fridays	2.00 onwards
Chiropody	Wed, Thurs & Fri	9.00-12.00	Thursday	2.00-5.00
Dietitian	1st Tuesday	9.30-12.30		
Orthoptist	2nd Tuesday	9.00-12.30		
MacMillan Nurses			Friday	2.00 onwards
Psychiatric Nurse			Wednesday	2.00 onwards
CAMTAD	4th Tuesday	9.00-11.30		

OUT OF HOURS 'EMERGENCIES' Telephone 01223 464242

Cambridgeshire County Council
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Wednesday
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2.00 - 7.00
Thursday
10.00 - 1.00
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Friday
2.00 - 7.00
Saturday
9.30 - 1.00

Useful telephone numbers

BHN (Editor - Martin Avery)	781233
BHN (Commercial adverts - Bunty Waters)	201421
Church (Revd. Gary Renison)	781629
Conservative Party (Iris Lay)	205265
Health Centre	780442
Liberal Democrat Party (Tom Flanagan)	780571
Library	273318
Parish Council (Leigh Baffa)	780456
Police	01223 358966
Pre-School Playgroup	206179
Samaritans	01223 364455
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Social Club	206117
Sunshine Pre-School	789099
Swavesey Village College	230366
Village Hall	206179

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COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET

Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed a £466 million budget for the year ahead.

Half of this (£234 million) will go directly to the county's 255 schools giving them an overall budget increase of 6.9%. Social Services will receive £129 million to enable them to meet the needs of the growing numbers of older and vulnerable people.

The remainder will support other aspects of the education service, roads and the transport network, libraries, trading standards, environmental services and waste disposal.

Around two-thirds of the County Council's spending comes from Government grants and one third from Council Tax. Council Tax will increase by 6.9% (rather than the 6% the Council originally proposed) following the deal hammered out last week with the Education Secretary Charles Clarke over school funding.

The £234 million earmarked for schools is £15 million more than they are getting this year. It will enable schools to fully fund inflation, meet the cost of rising pupil numbers and have some limited growth in their budgets.

Only two County Councils in England currently levy a Council Tax lower than Cambridgeshire's. The 6.9% increase will cost the average Band D Council Taxpayer an extra £1.02 a week. The Band D tax will be £813.24. The County Council's tax makes up about 75% of the overall Council Tax bill in Cambridgeshire.

County Council Leader, Conservative Keith Walters, said that he deeply regretted the Government's interference in how the Council set its budget for the year ahead.

He added: "As a result the tax increase is higher than I would have wished but it was the best deal we could strike with the Education Secretary. I believe the budget strikes the right balance between what is best for services and what is affordable. It gives school budgets a real boost and acknowledges the tremendous demand for care packages provided by Social Services."

POLICE AUTHORITY BUDGET

Cambridgeshire Police Authority has approved a 14.1% (31 pence per week) increase in the policing element of council tax, saying a realistic balance has been struck.

The increase will provide 20 additional support staff in the Criminal Justice Unit, reducing bureaucracy for police officers and releasing them to front line duties where they will provide a more visible presence.

The figure also represents a number of efficiencies that have had to be made to meet existing and incoming legislative pressures and regulatory requirements set by the Government in its (un-costed) National Policing Plan. These include the Freedom of Information Act, which comes into effect on April 1, Police Reform Act changes and Independent Police Complaints Commission requirements. These pressures alone amount to £268,000.

Bin Collection Dates

Note that the collection in Easter week is on Thursday

March

3	Black
10	Green
17	Black
24	Green
31	Black

April

7	Green
15	**THURSDAY** Black
21	Green
28	Black

Open Meeting

The Open Meeting on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) on February 11th was extremely well attended, with over 250 people packing the Worship Hall. All sectors of our community were represented. A set of issues were identified and agreed, and a raft of proposals was suggested to help find appropriate solutions. The meeting ended with almost unanimous agreement that all our concerns and findings should be laid before Cheryl Arnold, Young Peoples' Initiative Officer. Cheryl is employed by the South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Partnership and will be working with us in the future both to help implement our solutions and articulate other ways forward, drawing upon her experience and contacts elsewhere. We look forward to working with Cheryl, and will ensure that the community at large is informed of the impact of her presence and leadership. We hope, too, that out of the meeting, and as a result of some of the steps already taken, we will all see a significant and speedy reduction in the incidence of ASB in our community.

Reverend Gary Renison

School Reunion

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Time does indeed fly and if it has been 12 months or more since you last visited your vet, then your pet could be at risk of contracting infectious diseases like distemper, leptospirosis or cat 'flu. Unfortunately, immunity to the diseases that your pet was vaccinated against as a puppy or kitten does not last a lifetime and will gradually wane, leaving your pet at risk of disease. Therefore, there is always a need to 'top up' your pets' immunity against disease at regular intervals.

Hughes-Parry Veterinary Clinic has launched a new scheme to help you get back up-to-date with your pets' health needs and to ensure they remain healthy. The practice is offering owners the opportunity of having a full course of vaccinations, for the price of a booster, a saving of up to £19.00. To participate, ring either our Longstanton or Cottenham Veterinary Clinic to enrol your pet in the scheme, which is running until June 2004.

Simply call the surgery on 01954 780027 (Longstanton) or 01954 252122 (Cottenham) to book an appointment to see the vet and obtain further details. Just one phone call to find out more could ensure your pet stays active and healthy for longer!

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If so, please consider joining the Friends of Bar Hill Library.

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Please ask at the library for an application form, or telephone 0845 045 5225.

Bar Hill School - Forthcoming Events

POP QUIZ - MARCH 6TH 7.30pm

With Fish and Chip Supper and Licensed Bar.

£6.50 per person and a maximum of 8 people per team.

Just complete the following information and return it with payment (cheques payable to Bar Hill School PTA) by 3rd March.

Team Name

Number in Team

Number of fish,chicken, sausage or veggie meals.

Contact Name and telephone number

Other planned events include...

April - Casino Event

June - Salsa Evening

19th June - Family Fun Day

9th October - General Knowledge Quiz

For more information nearer the time please look out for the posters around the village or contact the school.

Bar Hill Sports & Social Club

On March 24th the social clubs AGM will take place at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All members are invited to attend. Nomination sheets for any member who wishes to serve as an officer or on the committee will be on display until 48 hours before the meeting. Hopefully by the time the AGM is here we will have concrete plans and timescales for the redevelopment of the Village Hall, I know it has been long winded but we now seem to be moving in the right direction which must be good for the whole village.

St David's day 1st March and St Patrick's day 17th March selected drinks as normal at cheaper prices.

Advance notice for village fete day: we have agreed, after being asked by the Residents' Association, to organise a tug of war contest between organisations on the village. In next month's Bar Hill News we will be giving information on how to enter a team, so please ask in your organisations and workplaces and try to raise a team for this event.

For those of you who are not members, old and new to the village, why not come and give us a try. We are situated above the Village Hall: you will be made most welcome by staff and customers alike.

Best Regards,

Bob Wells

Chairman

Bar Hill Conservatives

Friday 12th March - A.G.M. Followed by a Finger Buffet and "How well do you think you know Cambridge." 7.30 sharp. Tickets £7.50. For non-members the evening starts at 8.15.

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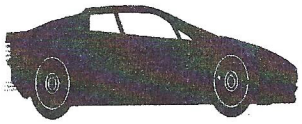

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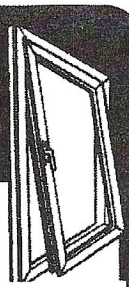

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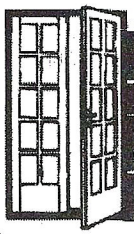

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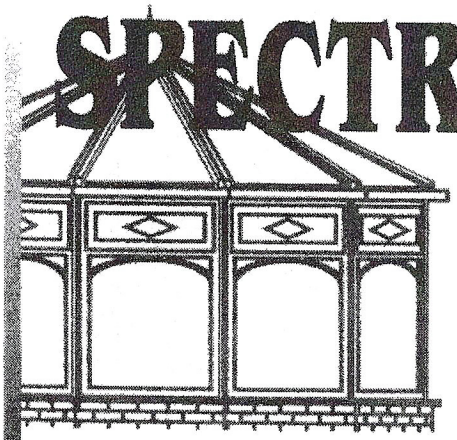

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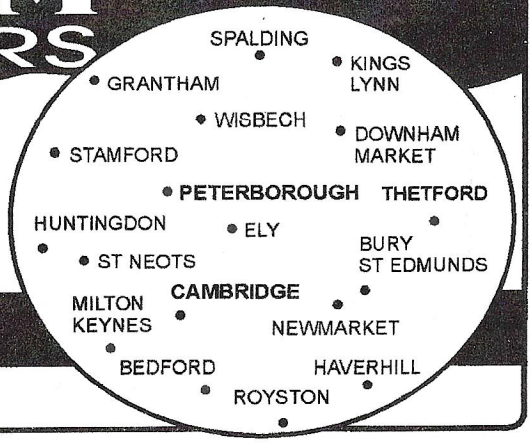

01480 411611
FAX: 01480 431129
30 Stickle Close, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 6GT

Bar Hill Parish Council
Parish Council Offices
(Between the Health Centre, the Octagon and the School)
780456

Litter Busting Day

The Parish Council has had a lot of interest from residents who wish to help with our Litter Busting Day. Thanks to all those who have called the office. We will be meeting at 10am on Saturday 3rd April, outside the Farmhouse (to the rear of the school), where bags and gloves will be handed out. Plans will also be available for volunteers for specific areas to be targeted. I will call those helpers nearer the date with any further information. If you would like to join in please contact me on 01954 780456.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Street lights:	0800 253529
Give the CCC no. written on the post	
South Cambridgeshire District Council:	01223 443000
Dog Fouling:	01223 443012
Cambridgeshire County Council (damaged roads and paths):	01223 717111

Footpath Work at Hollytrees

The Parish Council has received a complaint from Ringway Services who are resurfacing the footpaths in Hollytrees. Residents in The Brambles parking in the Hollytrees area have made their work very difficult. All Hollytrees residents received communication requesting their cars be parked elsewhere while this necessary work was being carried out. Unfortunately due to the Brambles residents their work has taken longer than anticipated. Could all Brambles residents that use the Hollytrees cul-de-sac please park in their own designated area in the future.

Stream Work

By the time you read this item the entire stream work in the village should have been completed. This was much needed work to the stream that has not been done for many years making it a flood hazard. I apologise for the inconvenience to all residence while this work was being done. All the rubbish that had been dredged from the streambed should have been disposed of by now. This had to be taken away in one hit, which is why it was left at the side of the banks.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The Church meeting went very well on Wednesday 11th February with a very good turn out from the residents of Bar Hill. More discussions will be taking place to see how we can take this problem one step further in eradicating it. There is a law being brought out on 1st April 2004 about moving on groups of people that appear to be causing a disturbance and also drinking in public will be dealt with under this law. It will be interesting to see what happens after the 1st April. Hopefully this will make a difference to our village.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 18th March 2004 at 7.00pm in the new Parish Council Office Meeting Room. The public is very welcome to attend the meeting.

Leigh Baffa
Parish Clerk

To contact South Cambridgeshire District Council HERE'S THE NUMBER ... 08450 450 500

When you next contact South Cambs you can use our new telephone number **08450 450 500** for the switchboard and general enquiries.

The following 08450 numbers are also being introduced for specific services, and these should be used in preference to the general number, to avoid the need to transfer your call:

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08450 450 061	Benefits
08450 450 062	Building regulation inspections
08450 450 063	Environmental Health (e.g. abandoned vehicles, licensing, pests, pollution)
08450 450 064	Billing and payment enquiries (e.g. Council tax, Business rates, Housing rent)
08456 500 280	Refuse (currently the Wheeled Bin Hotline)

These replace the old numbers (01223 443xxx), which will continue to work for a few months while people get used to the change. They will then be replaced by a recorded invitation to use the new numbers.

08450 numbers are charged at local call rates. We have decided to use 08450 numbers to be consistent with the other services offered by Cambridgeshire Direct Contact Centre and to provide flexibility to transfer the services to the Contact Centre at a convenient stage.

Other numbers will be announced in the April edition of the South Cambs magazine, before the move to Cambourne.

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Little Acorns Pre-School

Little Acorns is a privately owned, non-profit making, pre-school.

We are situated in the meetings room (next door to the main church building). All of the staff are qualified Nursery Nurses.

We are open every day, morning and afternoon, during school term time. (9.15-11.45 am and 12.30- 3pm) There is a lunch club every day from 12 noon.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions.

Children are welcome to attend from age two and a half.

Parents may choose to help at sessions during our "bring your Mum or Dad to Acorns" weeks, which are very popular.

We have recently received an excellent OFSTED report (the full version is available on request or can be accessed via the OFSTED web site). We were awarded "an aspect of outstanding practice in special needs" and overall the judgment, which we received, was very good.

We offer a "places for all policy", whereby we subsidise or give free places to families in need. Annually we ensure that at least three or four children are able to access good quality preschool education through this scheme. Please enquire about this.

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Come and enjoy free samples of edible FAIRTRADE products in the Octagon on Sundays 6th and 14th March. Also look out for the FAIRETRADE display in the Church foyer and for FAIRTRADE goods in local stores. If goods are not on the store shelves why not ask the management to stock them!

Neighbourhood Watch

A NEW SCAM

The details below relate to a new scam that has been identified.

A household will receive a call from the bogus 'Security and Fraud Department' at Visa or MasterCard saying that your card has been flagged for an unusual spending pattern and they are calling to verify its authenticity. The caller will say that an item for just under £500 has been purchased using your card. When you confirm that you haven't purchased anything the caller says they will issue a credit to your account. They then ask you to confirm your address.

The householder will be told that a fraud investigation will commence and if you have any queries to ring the number on the back of the card and ask for the security section quoting a reference number they give you. You are then asked to verify you are in possession of your card and you are asked to read the security number on the back of your card.

The caller sounds very genuine and tells you to call the number on the back of the card if you have any questions. This is a genuine number but by the time you have rung the number the card will have been used to purchase some expensive items.

This has been checked out with Visa and they tell us that this is definitely a scam. **Visa would never ask for this number. You are advised not to give this number out to a caller claiming to be from Visa or MasterCard.**

If you are in any doubt about callers or e-mails then check them out on a number you know to be authentic before giving any information. Treat the call or e-mail as suspicious until you have checked it out.

Be vigilant. *Jill Smith*

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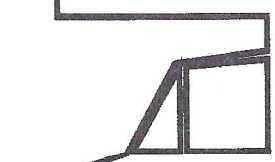

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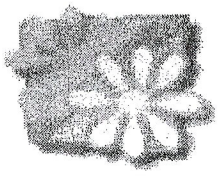

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Diary dates

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Things We Have Done

This month we have been talking about Nursery Rhymes, Above and Below Ground and Opposites. The children have been involved in Friendship Week and have also had a visit from a Vet.

"THE POINT" Youth Club

As you know, we've unfortunately had to temporarily suspend "THE POINT" because of concerns about the growing trend of anti-social behaviour and drinking outside the church premises amongst a small minority of youth and young adults.

The closure has achieved the three aims of protecting our members from exposure to such unwelcome behaviour, raising community awareness and demonstrating that the problem is not caused by the youth club itself. The recent public meeting was very well attended - thank you for your support but now's the time to put words into action!

We intend to re-open the club as soon as possible but, to do so safely, we still need to consider certain practical issues and also monitor the situation closely over the next few weeks to see if there's been a discernible and lasting improvement in the outside environment.

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Look at the eggs, the first of the year.

Up there above sits the old father blackbird,
Looking right smart with his yellow beak too.
Here comes his wife, to the nest she's returning.
Soon that pair will have plenty to do.

It's one of the miracles that go on around us,
One of them things taken for granted each day,
But in each of them eggs – if you just think about it,
The song of the blackbird is all stored away

Last month I reported the good things that had been seen at the Nature Reserve. Now for the bad ...

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Syringes
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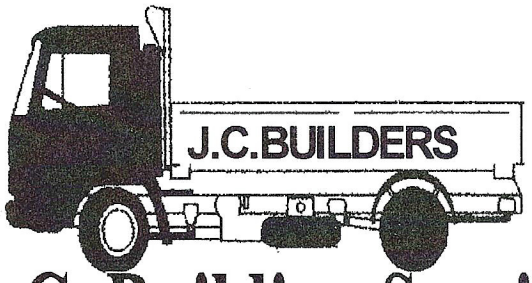

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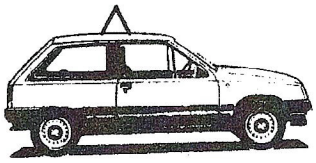

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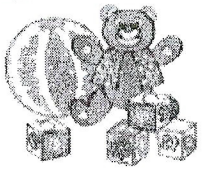

'Tots and Teds' is a friendly group of parents and carers who meet in the Octagon at the Church Centre (near Tesco). All sessions are 'Pay and Play' and are £1.80 per child (£1.00 for siblings). This price includes free refreshments for children and adults. We have a wide range of activities and toys including painting, gluing, play dough, messy play, sand, prams, bikes, books, activity toys, puzzles and much more. We also have a safe enclosed garden to play in with lots of large outdoor toys. Sessions are held on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 9.45 -11.15 and are open to all pre-school children. Kirsten runs our Wednesday session and Friday is run by Jo. Why not come along and play one morning?

Diary Dates

A.G.M - this is being held at The Fox on Tuesday 23rd March. Please phone Sarah on 200469 if you are interested in joining the committee or would like more information about Toddlers.

Messy Play Days - these will be held once every half-term on the 2nd Wednesday back after the holidays. The next one will be on Wednesday 3rd March.

Sarah Kemmett

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Play tots

This pay as you play session is held on a Tuesday morning with Sonya and provides an excellent introduction to Pre-School for little ones 0 - 3 years.

Session Times

Mon	9.00	- 11.30	
Tues	9.15	- 10.45	Play tots
	12.15	- 2.45	
Wed	9.00	- 11.30	
Thurs	9.00	- 11.30	
Fri	9.00	- 11.30	Rising S's

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Places

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These sessions are provided by Community Education as part of Family Learning.

Is Anyone There?

A Bar Hill Church Youth Event

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We charge 50p donation for tea, coffee and biscuits. We have baby-changing facilities, books to read and toys to play with. A relaxed atmosphere to chat and get to know others in the village, while the babies play.

Alwyn Keeves 781050

Happy Hours

The recycled youth club

With winter nearly over, may we look forward to some better weather, longer days, and a host of golden daffodils to brighten our gardens.

Anti-Social Behaviour. The Open Meeting respecting this problem, was held at the Village Church on Wednesday 11th February, when well over 200 local residents were present. The meeting was chaired by the Revd. Gary Renison, and heard speakers from the Church, the Parish Council, Tesco and the Police. Many residents, representatives of Youth Clubs, the School, and other groups, were able to express their concerns, and also their various solutions to the many problems. It was a well conducted meeting, which should prove to be of benefit to all age groups of the Village. It was pleasing to see 28 of our members present.

Darts Match. On Monday 26th January, a Darts Match was held between the Ladies and the Gents, which to many members' surprise, resulted in a win for the Men by 6 games to nil. Well done to all those taking part.

Raffle. A raffle held on 2nd February, raised the sum of £52.00, which is being donated to the Bar Hill Scouts. We do not hear too much about the Scouts, which I understand was recently re-formed in the Village. Let us be hearing about your activities. Many thanks to our members for their support.

Outings. Our outing being held on Wednesday 10th March, will be a mystery tour, which will include a stop for a Pub Lunch and two other stops at suitable places of enjoyment.

Holidays. Our first holiday this year is for six days starting on Sunday 2nd May to Scarborough, staying at the Cumberland Hotel. There will be visits into the North Yorkshire countryside including a visit to Castle Howard, a North Yorkshire Railway Ride, and a light lunch in the Adensfield Arms.

Talk. In early March, a talk has been arranged respecting 'Holiday Insurance' from a member of Saga. This should be a great interest to those members who are able to take several holidays each year.

New Member. We welome Keith Morris as a new member to Happy Hours. Keith, who is now fully retired, is well known in the village, and has been involved in many of the activities, including the Allotments, and distribution of the 'Bar Hill News'. He is an active cyclist and also takes part in 'Morris Dancing'.

Sickness. I am pleased to hear that Lily Neal is making slow but good progress in Addenbrooke's Hospital. Our old friends, George Woods and Joan Platt, although not able to be with us at present, send their greetings to all members.

Dennis Holt, 780948

National Women's Register

We meet once a fortnight on a Monday or Thursday evening at 8pm. We are a lively group of women of varied ages and a cross section of occupations. Newcomers are always welcome, so why not come along and join us?

Diary Dates

Thursday 4th March:

One Word Topic - Two minutes to talk on the word. Everyone to bring a one word topic to go into the hat!

At: Di's

Monday 15th March:

The Colour Purple - to talk about or bring something In that colour

At: Jane's

Thursday 1st April:

Reincarnation - who or what would you come back as, and why?

At: Janet's

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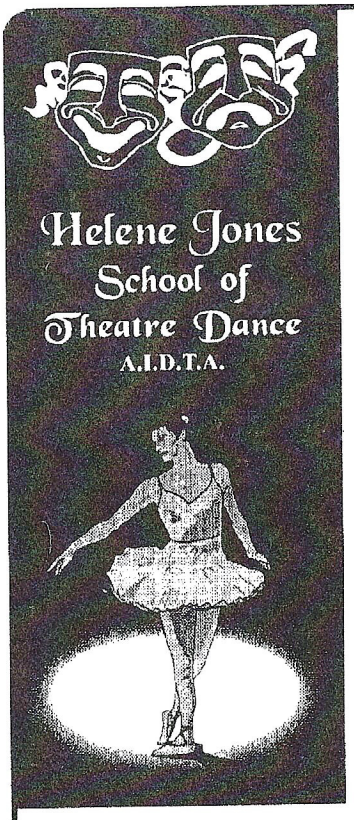

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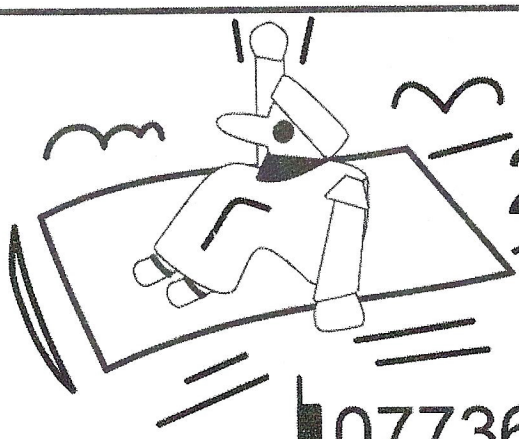

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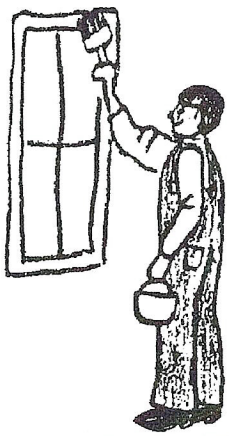

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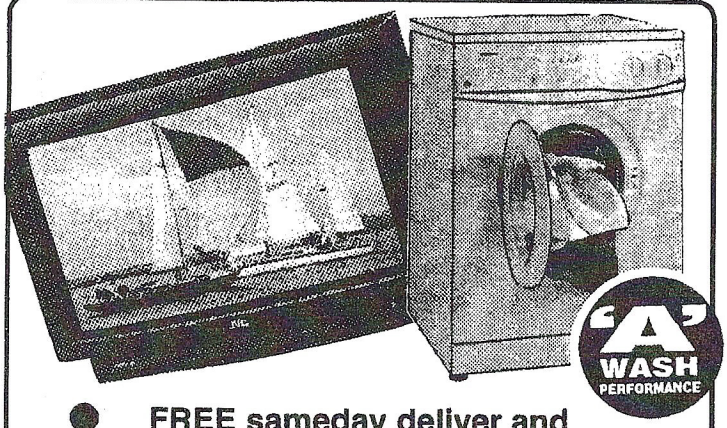

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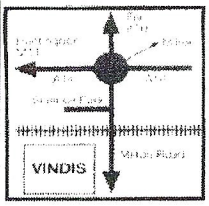

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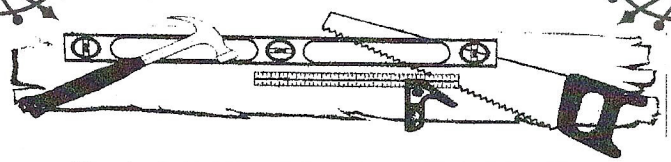

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The new tennis season is rapidly approaching and we are all hoping for a long hot summer! Before the new season begins we invite all existing, but particularly potential new, members to our Annual General Meeting.

This will be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 17th March in the Studio Community room at Bar Hill School and everyone is welcome. Please come along even if you only want to know a little more about the Club and whether tennis might be for you.

We play on our own floodlit courts behind the School and welcome players of all abilities. We play socially for fun and to keep fit and also run teams competing in the local league. We have a very active junior section with coaching provided for the youngsters. We normally expect to start our season late April/early May depending on the weather and have plenty of court hours available for members outside the normal Club nights.

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At the time of writing, we are still waiting to hear how the re-organisation of the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association leagues will pan out, and therefore which division we will be playing in. Watch this space for details of which teams we will be playing against and when. We already have some friendly fixtures pencilled in, including the eagerly-awaited game with the church on June 27, the day after the Village Fete.

Whichever division we find ourselves in, we are warming up in style at our winter nets, and have been enjoying the excellent facilities at the Perse School. Attendance at the first few sessions has been good. With open practice nets, a bowling machine and the expert opinions of our captain and fully-qualified coach Dave Fletcher to call upon, we're confident we will be in sparkling form when the season gets under way. The nets take place at 9.30am every Sunday until Easter and cost £2 for adults and £1 for juniors for each one-hour session.

We have also ordered lots of new equipment as part of a programme to improve the club for members of all ages. The committee has several schemes in the pipeline to help us all get the most out of playing for the club. More about that in later articles as we move into the spring – it promises to be an exciting and challenging season.

Paul Stimpson

Football Project

The village 5-a-side football league is in its seventh phase. There is a spare place for a team in the league at the moment. If you are interested in entering a team contact Paul Thorby on 781527.

Straight after school on Tuesdays the pitch is opened by Mandy Clare for a free kick around for children in school years 3 to 6. The pitch is opened on Thursdays by Karen Curry for children in reception to year 2.

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The officers of the management committee are:

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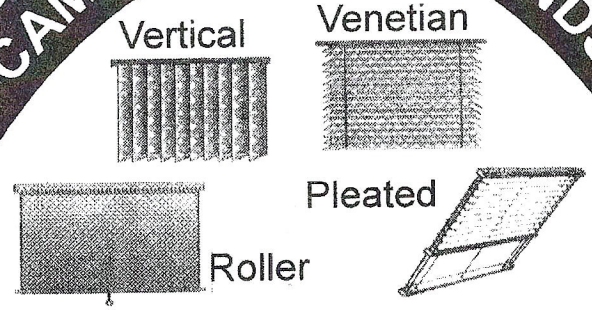

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Unfortunately we missed the February edition of the Bar Hill news.

The club have now reached the semi final of the Sunday Challenge Cup - well done lads - hopefully the 1st team will have beaten Gamlingay and will be in the final by the time this is being read. The final is taking place on the 28th March at the Cambridge City Football Ground.

The 1st team have also broken the club record of nine consecutive wins in the league by beating Ely 7-0 to make it ten wins on the run, well done to all of you.

The reserves are still sitting pretty in 4A, remaining in the top two and I am sure will be promotion candidates at the end of the season.

Both Managers would like to say a big thank you to all of those that turn up to watch on Sunday mornings, it is very much appreciated. In the quarter final against "White Bear" which we won 8-4 in extra time there were over 80 people watching. The team kept the supporters "very warm" with a display of football that has not been seen in Bar Hill for many years - congratulations to all involved.

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Bar Hill Branch

The first Branch meeting of 2004 was held on 22/01/4 with 15 members attending.

The Chairman opened the meeting with the Exhortation, then commenced with the business of the evening with apologies for absence. The Secretary read out the minutes of the previous meeting, also the notices from H.Q. and County Field Officer about events that are forthcoming during the year. There were no matters arising from the minutes the Chairman asked for the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's reported a healthy balance of Branch funds and proposed a donation from the Branch of £300 towards the Poppy Appeal, this was agreed by the members in attendance that evening. With this splendid sum it would bring the branch amount up to £4715 as it stands at present. The final total, as stated in an earlier news column, will not be available until May later this year.

The Chairman then read out two letters of resignation, both due to health reasons: Neville Clark our Treasurer for some number of years, also from Ann Barnes our Welfare Secretary for the last 3 years. Both were accepted with great reluctance, but we are pleased to say that they will still play an active role within the branch.

On the social side of our branch we will have had, on the 21stFeb, a fish & chip supper at Ann & Mike Duce's. Later in July we hope to hold a B. B. Q at Ann & Terry Barnes' house, weather permitting. Plans are starting for a 5/6 day break in September similar to our trip to Torquay last year, but this year it will be in Kent: hopefully this will keep us hopping about.

For those who are interested there is the Legion Group 4 meeting to held at Histon in March. This is the first time at Histon so a good turnout would be much appreciated, Bar Hill Branch usually has a good attendance record.

The next Branch meeting will be Thursday 25th March at the village hall 19:30hrs

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8 O'Clock Club

The 8 O'Clock Club is a very informal group of women of all ages. We meet in the lounge at the school on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm. Our meetings vary from speakers, outings, mystery tours and demonstrations.

The meeting on **4th March** will be a speaker from S.O.F.A., the used furniture charity.

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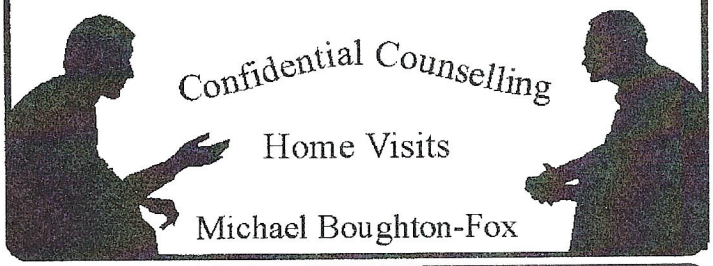

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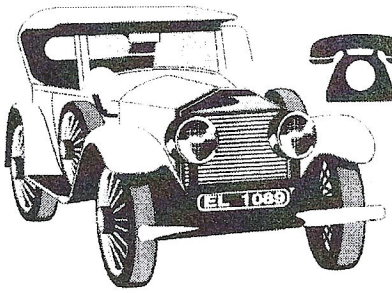

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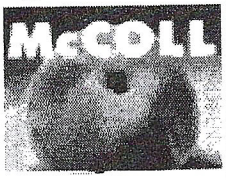

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Sun 14th	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
	6.30pm	'Celtic Evening Worship'	Leader: Mrs Di Gunton
Sun 21st (Mothering Sunday)			
	10.00am	Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
	6.30pm	Informal Worship	Led by Heather Smethurst & Melanie Stamp
Wednesday 24th	10.00am	Mid-week Communion	
Sun 28th	10.00am	Family Service Leader:	Mrs Claire Thorby
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Children's Activities

Power Pals - Friday 26th March

From 3.30pm until 5.00pm for children in Reception and years 1 and 2. A fun session to learn about Jesus through songs, stories, games and crafts. Cost £1.00. Application forms from Mel Stamp on 203554.

Adrenaline - Tuesday 30th March

From 3.30pm until 5.30pm starting in the Main Church but using the astro. A sports event for those in years 3 to 6. Lots of fun regardless of ability!! Cost £2.00 For an application form contact Claire Thorby on 781527.

Christmas 'Gift and Crib' Toys

A 'thank you' card and letter have been received from the Oakington Immigration Reception Centre and Rev Hilary Cheng.

Sally McGivern, of the Oakington Playroom writes:-

"Thank you very much for all the lovely Christmas Presents you collected – Santa delivered them to the children on time! The children had a wonderful time playing with them."

The card is on display in the Church foyer.

Obviously the toys were well received on Christmas morning and the playroom has been well stocked.

Women's World Day of Prayer

will be held at Bar Hill Church on Friday 5th March at 7.30pm.

We will be part of the 'World Day of Prayer' which begins as morning breaks over the island of Tonga in the South Pacific - and continues until the last service takes place on St Lawrence Island, off the coast of Alaska.

The theme of this year's service is "In Faith, Women Shape the Future" and has been prepared by the Christian women of Panama.

All are invited, men, women and young people.

People to contact:

The Minister: Rev Gary Renison **781629**
Church Administrator: Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel & Fax **206120**)
Church Secretary: Ms Alison Burling (**789282**)

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre
Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm
Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm
Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays
also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne
and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's on (See p29 for Church Services)

March			
Thu 4th	evening	NWR "One-word Topic"	Tel 205453
Thu 4th	8.00pm	8 o'clock club - S.O.F.A.	School
Sat 6th	7.30pm	School PTA Pop Quiz	School
Tue 9th	8.00pm	Residents' Association	New Parish Council Office
Fri 12th	7.30pm	Conservatives AGM	Tel 205265
Mon 15th	evening	NWR "The Colour Purple"	Tel 205453
Wed 17th	8.00pm	Tennis Club AGM	School
Thu 18th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Sat 20th	10.00am	Knit & Natter Coffee Morning	Octagon
Tue 23rd	evening	Tots and Teds AGM	The Fox
Wed 24th	7.30pm	Social Club AGM	Village Hall
Thu 25th	7.30pm	Royal British Legion	Village Hall
Fri 26th	6.15pm	Sunshine Disco (Pre-school to Y2)	Scout Hut
Fri 26th	7.30pm	Sunshine Disco (Y3 to Y6)	Scout Hut
Fri 26th	3.30pm	Power Pals	Church
Sat 27th	2.30pm	"Is Anyone There?"	Church
Tue 30th	3.30pm	Adrenaline	Church

April			
Thu 1st	evening	NWR "Reincarnation"	Tel 205453
Thu 1st	8.00pm	8 o'clock club - Birthday Party	Tel 204171
Sat 3rd	from 10am	Litter-busting day	Start at Farmhouse
Sat 24th	evening	Footbal Club Dog Racing	Peterborough

May			
Sat 15th		Football Club Player of the Year	The Fox

June			
Sat 19th	all day	School Fun Day	School Field
Sat 26th	all day	Village Fete	Village Green

Bar Hill Church Knit and Natter

We are a friendly and welcoming group of ladies who meet on Thursday afternoons at 1.30 - 3.30pm in the Octagon. We do what our name suggests, we knit and natter over tea, coffee and cakes. You are welcome to come along even if you don't knit! We also arrange regular outings to various places, have lunches, and hold regular coffee mornings every month. We are also looking for donations of double knitting wool so that we can continue making blankets which we give to various organisations that need them and bric-a-brac for our stalls. If you would like more information about us then please either call in on Thursdays or contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

We continue to run our Coffee Mornings around the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next Coffee Morning will be on the 20th March from 10.00am onwards. You will be most welcome to join us for drinks and cakes and bargains from our table top sale. Hope to see you there.

Sue Kenchington.

Residents' Association

Village Fete

Plans are now well underway for the Bar Hill fete on 26th June.

Scout Group, Social Club, Farmhouse Youth Club, Colts, Bar Hill Child Minders, and Tots and Teds have given us some ideas. If you would like to have an input email Raja.Iyer@ntlworld.com

Meetings

All interested residents are welcome to attend any of the Residents' Association's meetings which are normally held at 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month. These are held in the new Parish Council building next to the Octagon.

Martin Avery

February solution

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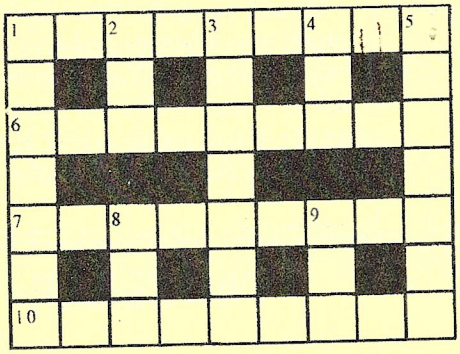
Crossword

Just for fun. Answers next issue.



Across

1. Rob Roy
6. Chocolate heavenly body (3,6)
7. In an excited state
10. Acerbity

Down

1. Town on the Wansbeck
2. Nice with chips
3. Bicycle make
4. Weapon
5. Has a screw loose?
8. Boat propellor
9. Was born